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Re: Our File: 055549-0008
Invention: PLASTIC FRAME ASSEMBLY FOR BEARING WEIGHT AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLY
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Examiner: Peter R. Brown
Art Unit: 3636
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Agent for Applicant acknowledges receipt of office action dated December 15, 2003 and responds as follows:

Amendments to the Claims

Agent for Applicant has considered Examiner's comments and in light of same respectfully requests amendment to the claims as follows without adding any new subject matter. The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Cancel) A plastic frame assembly for bearing weight for an ergonomic chair seat or chair back comprising:
 - (a) a plastic support member having a contoured bottom portion and a contoured top portion; said bottom portion having a channel;
 - (b) a plastic-affiliating migratory securing means; and
 - (c) a flexible porous membrane;



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